

International Conference
"Protecting heritage: From crisis to peace"
6-7 May 2025
Villa Barton – Geneva

Practical information

Getting here

The ALIPH International Conference will take place on 6-7 May 2025, at **Villa Barton**, 132 Rue de Lausanne, Geneva, Switzerland. Set against the backdrop of a magnificent park on the shores of Lake Geneva, Villa Barton is located at the heart of Domaine Barton, an extension of Parc Moynier and the Perle du Lac.

Geneva Public Transportation https://www.tpg.ch/en (Transports Publics Genevois – TPG) is the main public transportation system in canton of Geneva, Switzerland, including the city of Geneva with buses, trams, and boats navigating across the Leman Lake (https://www.tpg.ch/fr).

All guests staying at hotels in Geneva will receive a complimentary public transport pass by email three days before their arrival. This pass is valid for all trains in the Geneva canton, trams, buses, and ferries. This pass is also valid for the direct train from the Geneva-Cointrin airport to Cornavin train station (about a 5-minute ride).

Getting to Villa Barton is simple, with easy access from Cornavin train station (tram 15 (stop Butini, then a 10-minute walk); bus 25 or 1 (stop Perle du Lac); the airport; or the A1 freeway.

Drop-off parking for taxis is available in front of the Villa.



• If you arrive by train

The best way to check the train schedule is on the official website of the Swiss railway system https://www.sbb.ch/. Gare Cornavin is located in the city centre. Upon exiting the train station, you will find taxis available that accept both cash and credit cards. You can also take tram 15 (direction Nations) and get off at the Butini stop or take buses 1 or 25 (direction Jardin Botanique) and get off at the Perle du Lac stop. From there, it's a short walk along Rue de Lausanne to reach Villa Barton. As mentioned above, guests staying at Geneva hotels will receive complimentary TPG tickets, otherwise, tickets can be purchased at the ticket machines located at the public transport stops in front of the train station.

If you arrive by plane

Geneva's Cointrin Airport is well connected to the city centre by taxi, train, and public transport. If you're taking a taxi, follow the taxi signs at the airport; taxis accept both

cash and credit cards. As mentioned above, guests staying at Geneva hotels will receive complimentary TPG tickets. You can take any train heading to Geneva, or bus 5 (direction Thônex-Vallard) and get off at the Nations stop. From there, transfer to bus 11 (direction Jardin Botanique) and get off at the Perle du Lac stop.

• If you arrive by car

Villa Barton is located at Domaine Barton, 132 Rue de Lausanne, CH-1202 Geneva. Parking is limited, so if you plan to arrive by car and require a parking space, please contact us in advance. From the A1 motorway, follow the signs to Geneva, then continue along Rue de Lausanne until you see the sign for Perle du Lac on your left.

Visas

Find out more about Swiss visa requirements pertaining to your case here: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA – Visa requirements.

If you need a visa support letter, please send a request to 2025ConfALIPH@aliph-foundation.org

Accommodation

In the <u>Paquis district</u> as well as area around Parc Barton and Parc Mon Repos there is a variety of accommodation options, including hotels, rental apartments, and Airbnb. The closest to Villa Barton are <u>Hôtel Mon Repos</u> and <u>Hôtel Eden</u>.

Accessing the venue

Please bring photo ID to the registration desk.

Working languages

The official languages of the Conference are English and French. All plenary discussions will have a simultaneous English/French translation. Workshops will be held in English.

General information

The local currency is Swiss franc (CHF). Bank cards are widely accepted. The weather is usually moderately chilly and humid but cool, with temperatures ranging from 7—16°C in Geneva in May.

Switzerland uses type C (2-pin) and Type J (3-pin) plugs. (Type C 2-pin plugs also fit J sockets.) Most power sockets are designed for three pin round plugs.

